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AS OTHERS SEE US

Archie H. Hook
Superintendent and Minister

David praises God for His allseeing providence in Psalm 139, the first verse of which says, "O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me." It is worth pondering on the thought of what changes might come to our lives if we prayed sincerely and frequently, "O Lord, search me, and make known to me my weakness and my strength, my doubts and my beliefs, my fears and my hopes." If we meant it and wanted the answer NOW, it would be a daring and transforming thing to do.

Our Conference was daring in this respect recently, as many of you know, and brought in a specialist to analyze us personally, program-wise and organizationally. We are encouraged with the assurance that we have a strong Conference and are doing many outstanding things, but more important is the counsel concerning the places that need changing and strengthening. As we continue to move forward in the positive aspects of our program, we shall endeavor to uproot some of the old ways and make renovations where needed. As individuals and as organizations we need to see ourselves as others see us if we are to do our part.

Jesus gave us one of the most helpful illustrations of this when he tested his disciples concerning the people's opinion of him, concluding with that searching question, "But who do you say that I am?" It IS important to be on our best Christian behavior at all times, and it IS important to know whether we are approaching Christian standards in God's sight and in the eyes of the world. It may take, in the words of Kirby Page, "an earthquake within—something that shakes us to the bottom . . . " to give us the desire to see ourselves as others see us. Four lines from a poem come to mind that puts this in simple words:

In every heart there are a hundred questions
Concerning how our living might have gone
If we had heeded all the small suggestions
That came to us, before we hurried on—

Deep within your soul and mine—present in every organization in the church—are spiritual qualities embedded which may have been dormant for some time. And there they will stay unless we pray that God will make known to us our full strength, and our spirit is released.

The following lines are chosen from a prayer by Howard Thurman:

Our little lives, our big problems—these we place upon Thy altar!
We do not know how to do what we know to do.
We do not know how to be what we know to be.
Our little lives, our big problems—these we place upon Thy altar!
Pour out upon us whatever our spirits need of shock, of life, of release
That we may find strength for these days—
Courage and hope for tomorrow.
Our little lives, our big problems—these we place upon Thy altar!
Amen.

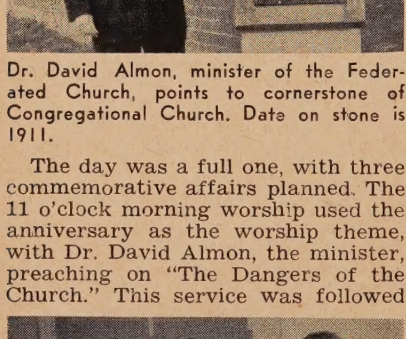
Around The Conference

Cheney, Federated Observes 75th Anniversary

Seventy-five years of continuous service to the community of Cheney by both sides of the house were commemorated in services of the Federated Church in that city on Sunday, March 24. The Federation is of Congregational and Methodist communions.

Dr. David Almon, minister of the Federated Church, points to cornerstone of Congregational Church. Date on stone is 1911.

The day was a full one, with three commemorative affairs planned. The 11 o'clock morning worship used the anniversary as the worship theme, with Dr. David Almon, the minister, preaching on "The Dangers of the Church." This service was followed



Huge birthday cake served for Anniversary banquet.

by the Anniversary banquet in the church parlors, marked by a candle lighting ceremony as each participant received a piece of the huge birthday cake. Several individuals gave reminiscences of earlier days of the church at the banquet. Then at 3 P.M. an anniversary conc was given by the two choirs of church, augmented by former ch members. Mrs. Mark Ratcliffe, ganist and choir director, was charge of the afternoon musica Ed Cunningham, of the Conferer Staff, participated in the ceremon and brought greetings for the C gregational Conference.

The Federation at Cheney is unique one in that both church separated by a block, are in use. A tivities of the Federated Chur need the capacity of both buildin At the celebration the worship ser ice and concert were held in t Methodist building, while the ba quet festivities were held in t Congregational building.

Seattle, Japanese Fiftieth Anniversary This Fall

This coming September 10- marks the 50th anniversary sin the founding of the Japanese C gregational Church. In this conne tion, a commemoration program h been planned by both the Issei a the Nisei-Sansei groups. Gue speakers will be invited as well the charter members of our churc The Nisei-Sansei group will secure local minister to give a special le ture during the first part of the a niversary celebration week.

The total budget has been set $8500. This includes the cost of t parsonage which comes to $6500. T church has long been in need of ad ed space. The possibility of adding the existing building has been rul out in view of the fact that it d not add to the property value of t church. A second solution was a rived at and agreed upon by t purchasing of the parsonage at 2 17th Ave. South. This will give the needed space to accommoda the expanding Church Scho groups. $1000 will go towards t general repair and improvement the church and parsonage. The r maining $1000 will be estimated e penses of the anniversary celebr tion, such as expenses for speci guests, speakers and about 120 i vited dinner guests from the Seatt Japanese community.

radale Acquires New Site

ings are looking up at the Vera ch. By a unanimous vote of the regation at a recent meeting, bers of the church approved the osal of the Board of Trustees to hase a 5-acre apple orchard for ew church building site. The erty is situated about a block a half from the present church close to the new parsonage. frontage on two streets, it is e 600 block on North Progress eradale.

e $10,000 transaction was com- d by the Board of Trustees with Harvey Young as chairman, and Paul Gillespie, owner.

e Rev. Olaf A. Stoeve, pastor, s that the church's 400 mem- are conducting a cash and e drive to finance the purchase.

Metaline Falls And Ione A Basis Of Union

ter many meetings of the ds of Trustees of the Congrega- l churches of both Ione and line Falls and after a few ings of the respective Congre- ns, committees were appointed both churches to meet to- r and discuss a written basis ion. This was accomplished and d by the members of the joint ittee, the Chairman of the d of Trustees of each church the pastor. The two churches ow one parish as of March 1,

e basis of union includes:
y mutual consent, the Congre- onal Churches of Metaline s and Ione agree to divide the s and services for a joint pas- te, beginning on March 1,

. . .

. the Ione Church will receive orship Service each Sunday at a.m., meetings with all offi- boards, meetings with the day School Staff, one full day parish work per week and rgencies (funerals, weddings extra calls on the seriously The Metaline Falls Church receive all the rest of the ster's efforts with the regu- Sunday Worship Service be- ing at 11:00 a.m.

his agreement shall be re-stud- each January for the purpose of adjusting the burden of cost from each of the churches . . . .

These two churches will continue to maintain their separate work and shall not necessarily have committees working together except in the call or dismissal of the minister and in the study each year of the agreement.

It is the fervent prayer of most of the members of these two churches that this will be a long and fruitful relationship and that God's Kingdom might more fully and quickly be realized in these communities. The Reverend Al Phillips is the minister.

Pasco Dedicates New Parsonage

The First Congregational Church of Pasco, dedicated the new parsonage at 1631 West Marie on Sunday, March 24. The Rev. and Mrs. Paul D. Sutley held open house from 3 to 5 P.M. The Rev. Louis Turner of Richland assisted in the services. Mrs. Robert Stoecker sang a lovely arrangement of "Bless This House" with Mrs. Bertha Dunning accompanying, and Mrs. Byron Arnold and Mrs. Peg Huson sang a duet.

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Sutley lead dedication service.

Over 100 friends and visitors attended the open house.

White Salmon Volunteers Move New Pastor

Early in February three of the stalwart young men of our White Salmon Church drove to Tacoma in a heavy truck to move Rev. Roger Clevenger's household goods to White Salmon. They stopped to eat, but did not stop to sleep and arrived without accident in the early hours of the next day.

A Realtor Answers

Dear Editor,

I read in the February 1957, issue of The Congregational Way some statements which I feel tend to be inaccurate, misleading and derogatory. The statements in question appear in the article entitled, "Congregationalists Survey Themselves" on page 9 of the issue.

One statement says, "The sports and entertainment world far outdistance the churches in integration. Business and industry have not done well, except for places like Boeing's —particularly poor has been the record of the realtors!"

On this matter, I would like the record to show, first, that the title and registered word "Realtor" may only be used by those licensed real estate brokers who have been approved for membership in their local and national Real Estate Boards after careful investigation as to character, experience, and financial responsibility. My personal experience with the Seattle Real Estate Board, with which I have been affiliated for a number of years, is that any broker meeting the above qualifications would find little or no difficulty in obtaining membership in our Board, providing that he is willing to subscribe to our Code of Ethics; that we have a number of minority members; that these folks are usually in evidence at the weekly membership luncheon meetings at the Chamber of Commerce Building and are accorded every courtesy and proper recognition by their fellow Realtors. To the best of my knowledge there is a similar acceptance in other areas, and, if not, it would be a result of personal prejudices and not official policy.

Another statement says, "Housing seems to be a (perhaps the) great key to full integration. Many realtors seem to operate unilaterally in forcing non-whites into ghetto patterns in housing. Consciously or unconsciously Seattle's non-whites are being jammed into the older, less desirable central Seattle area. Realtors might study one of their own periodicals . . . etc, etc."

This writer feels that the continued use here of the term "realtor"—whether properly capitalized, or not —infers that the policy of the Real Estate Boards is to create the above-stated housing conditions, or t they are insentitive to—or take responsibility for leadership in— correction of "less desirable area

As a matter of fact, The Natio Association of Real Estate Board and its affiliate boards and orga zations—is the only responsible tional organization taking real le ership in all areas of the indust including legislation, slum cleara education, ethics, and protection property rights. Our "Build Amer Better" program is designed to el inate unfit housing and moves in direction desired in your article.

I am enclosing a copy of our "P fessional Standards of Practi which spells out, in effect, our C of Ethics. You will note that it c tains nothing that would make man ashamed to look his fellow n in the eye, on an equal basis.

I cannot say that we have arri at the point where housing integ tion is accepted by all broke whether Realtors or not, but I lieve the enclosed "Realtors Bu tin" from the Seattle Board sta the position of many of us associ ed with the profession, to-wit:

"REAL ESTATE MEN . . . sho remember that **Men** are alw more important than **real estate.**"

Respectfuly yours,
(Signed) Elliott N. Coud
Realtor.

cc. the Rev. Emrys P. Thomas

Editor's note: Your editor app ciates this very fine letter from Couden. I know him personally as outstanding layman of our Faun roy Church and deeply appreciate that he and other outstanding re tors are doing in helping us to h integrated communities. I, howev am still puzzled as to the reas why the new community of o 1400 middle priced homes in whic live still does not have a sin minority family. This is the quest that all realtors must begin answ ing for I am certain that wher live is not an isolated example

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Story of Achievement

The new, all-out, Church Extension program in the Washington Conference was born just two years ago—at the Annual Meeting of the Conference held at University Church in May, 1955.

That momentous decision of the Conference launched something big. after two years, there is a story to be told. It is a story still in pro- In fact, it is really only an introduction to a story, for it is only be- ng. But it is high time now that a report be given which will tell of churches being organized, of new buildings being built, of new ches serving new communities, of new youth and other activities made ble through the establishment of Pilgrim Firs, of the high response to program by the churches of the Conference, and of the new spirit of th and movement within the Conference itself. In short, here is a story conference of churches carrying out a magnificent enterprise of ine churchmanship.

The story here will be told in five chapters: The Campaign, Achieve- s, The Response of the Churches, The Financial Picture, and an gue on The Birth and Growth of a Church.

THE CAMPAIGN

$600,000 is a lot of money. More than most of us know. But that w the figure carefully set at the 1955 Annual Meeting. It was sheer adve ture and daring, for certainly never before had any figure of such propo tions been set as a goal in a Conference the likes of Washington. But t meeting knew that it was faced with a task of heroic proportions, so vote matched its vision.

The immediate task, of course, was to organize.

Twenty men were appointed by the Conference Board of Directors—ten laymen and ten ministers. And these twenty men, with some change in personnel, are still at work. This group has functioned as the hard-working, dedicated, Church Extension Committee. Its task was to turn this $600,000 vision into reality. It had a goal to achieve, a game to win.

Area teams were appointed—two men to work in each of ten areas of the Conference. The job of these men was that of contacting ministers, church boards, and church members within their own geographical territory.

Paul Seibert, chairman, leads Church Extension Committee planning.

The Committee felt that its work must follow at least three lines. First, it must tell the story. Originally the story consisted only of a need, "New Churches for the New Northwest" became its slogan. It gathered information about the comings and goings of people, of new communities, of new industrial and rural developments. It everlastingly pounded on the theme that things are happening in the Washington Conference area and things must happen in the churches as well. But gradually the story took on a new approach, that of needs being met. When new churches came into being, when Pilgrim Firs became real,

An abandoned school has 'made do' Mesa worship and church school.

the Committee had something el to add to its story, "Look," it sa "this is what we mean!"

The Committee's second task w to raise sights in the field of Chri tian Stewardship. The Church E tension program is a new progra Like Mt. Rainier, which raised its by volcanic action on top of the a ready existing Cascades, the Chur Extension program asked for gif from churches over and above the giving to local services and to t Christian World Mission.

This type of program call for deep-down, dedicated, sacrifici commitments on a scale never b fore reached among the churche This was no quick "flying squadro approach. This took time, plannin educating and praying.

Then the third task was the mu dane one of receiving commitmen

New school facilities are nice, but inad quate for a growing church.

the churches. Some came read- One church sent in its full five commitment to the program weeks after the Annual Meet- Several others came voluntarily urches that had already caught ision.

the most part, however, the ing of pledges turned out to be work for the Committee. But en kept doggedly at it, and the hes knew that they meant ess. This was no child's play. So one by one, church by church, the pledges began to mount up.

The totals have reached—after these two years—almost an even $300,000. And that from less than one third of the churches in the Conference! The Committee, now in its biggest push of the campaign, has now gone far enough to know that the job can be done. And when the silent churches have finally spoken, it will be done. And done well.

THE ACHIEVEMENT STORY

The second part of the Church Extension Program has been that of nistering the program itself. After all, there were churches to be lished and built. That was what the program was set up for in the place.

e Committee's task was well out for it before it ever began nction. In fact, what brought whole thing on was that there areas in the new Northwest screaming for churches to be lished. The Congregational tian Fellowship was already d other denominations in this The Columbia Basin study had made long before in 1950. Even long ago areas had been mark- t by the Washington Council of ches for ultimate Congregational Church development. **Facing the Church Extension Committee from the start, then, were new church fields in Northwest Spokane, Eastgate near Seattle, Richland, Eltopia, Mesa, and Othello. As if these fields were not enough, the new Pilgrim Firs project was handed to the Committee.**

Here was a good, solid, five-year plan that, to be at all effective, had to be put in operation immediately! Quite frankly, it was an impossible undertaking. But the Committee and

Pilgrim Firs: the first visible achievement of Church Extension.

the Board of Directors of the Conference did not know it, so they went ahead and did it anyway!

The biggest of the projects, and the one which took a whopping chunk of the earlier financial returns, was Pilgrim Firs. This magnificent site that had been given to the Conference by the generosity of Miss Julia Lane was a natural. A special Pilgrim Firs Committee was formed that set to work, got everybody on the West Side of the Conference in on the act, and now Pilgrim Firs is a reality. Seven cabins have been built, a large lodge has been erected and a full-fledged waterworks has been installed. Quite a number of sizeable special gifts went into Pilgrim Firs, besides 2500 man days of hard labor. About $85,000 of Church Extension money went into the project. **But—and here is a parable—for the expenditure of that amount of money the Conference now has a useable conference center worth a good, cool $200,000. That is the way Church Extension money multiplies. You see, Church Extension starts something, then the miracle of Christian concern begins to do its work. And like the miracle of the loaves and fishes, the small offering multiplies until there is enough for all.**

Meanwhile starts were made on other projects throughout the Conference. The Reverend Theron Zimmerman, Conference pastor-at-large, took his family and his trailer and began "Operation Columbia Basin." Before he had been in the area six months the beginnings of new churches in Richland, Mesa and Eltopia had been formed. He rounded up people, stirred up a lot of interest, preached sermons, organized Church Schools, and soon had enough of church organizations going so that they could call their own ministers and go into full time operation. Richland called the Reverend Louis C. Turner, and Mesa and Eltopia joined forces in bringing Elmer J. Hostetler to the field. Under the leadership of these men new churches are now flourishing in these places. **Richland has had its building fund canvass, has bought a fine church site, has drawn plans for the church, and will begin its building operations this summer.**

Eltopia broke ground for its new building on Sunday, March 10, and

Carol and Chris the symbol of Chu Extension are now two years older th when this picture was taken.

Tents are being exchanged for homes the desert begins to bloom.

The heart of Church Extension is peo like the Lagergren family of Richland.

the building is now shaping up. T young Columbia Basin adventure will have their own house of wo ship by September of this year.

Mesa had its troubles. First it w flooded out. Then questions abo the site of the church developed. B the spirit of the people did not fla and in recent months the church h carried on a building campaign, ra ing, if you please, over $13,000 cash, crops, and labor. Mesa, tha is now on its way.

We have not yet heard the last the versatile Reverend Zimmerma Having gotten things going do Columbia Basin way he took off f Spokane. Results were the sam Before long the new Westview Co

Westview worshipped for over a year in school room with 'planets and electricity'.

gational Church came into being. fine church site was purchased, mbers were received, services e held in the new schoolhouse. By August of 1956 the church l gathered over 100 mems, and called the Reverend Stine Douglas to be its minister. The uglas's set out to make things ve in a big way and are still at **Westview was the first to erect own building, and is now housed a fine, new first unit of its build-, which it brought to completion a cost of a bit less than $60,000. re again, the miracle of multipli-ion did its work. The Church Ex-sion fund put up $10,000 toward building, the Board of Home ssions in New York loaned the rch another $30,000, and through own initiative the new church ered the rest of its own cam-gn and through the issuing of ds.** The Westview Church is defi-ely a going institution, and has un its ministry to Northwest kane in a fine way.

Eastgate came next. Eastgate is a community on the east side of ke Washington, where 1400 new nes were built in a hurry. fine site was purchased across m the school and on November 1955, the work began. Ed Cungham and John Gibson, of the nference Staff, held the first servs there, and on January 1, 1956 Reverend Franklin W. Kelsey family moved into the field. **The rk has progressed ever since, and church membership now numbers a good, solid 180. The building fund campaign is under way at this writing, and a new church will rise there by the fall of 1957.** Here, too, is a story of achievement.

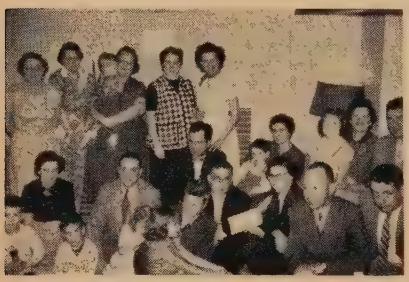
Latest project to get under way is the new church at Moses Lake. Moses Lake is the city which has the slogan "Pacin' the Basin". It is pretty much the center of things in the Columbia Basin development, and is the largest of the towns thus far to spring up in that new area. A group was organized there in the summer of 1956. A gallant "Congregational Fellowship" carried on without paid leadership for many months. A strategic church site was found and purchased and a parsonage was bought. After a long search the Reverend Clare E. Olney, of Thompson Falls, Montana, was called to the field. The Olney's began their work in the Knolls Vista School on April 7, 1957. So Moses Lake can be chalked up as a gain for the Kingdom of God. The new church there will soon be serving the new homes of the new city.

What is next in this story? Well, Othello is still wide open, ready for work. Work will begin there as soon as possible, and in this Church Extension program "possible" comes far sooner than in many other circles. Nearly a year ago Congregationalists accepted an allocation from the Council of Churches to begin work in Federal Way. No work has begun there as yet, but after all, we have only been at this thing for two years!

THE RESPONSE OF THE CHURCHES

At the outset of the Church Extension Program A $64,000 question was raised—"Will the churches of the Conference respond to such a gigantic appeal as is called for by the Church Extension Program?"

The whole program was really pretty much of a test of the strength of the Congregational Churches in the Conference area. Or perhaps it is better to say that it presented a test of the Christian concern of the churches. For after all, nothing of this magnitude had been dared before. To be sure, the churches had responded with flying colors to the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign carried on in 1952 by the Board of Home Missions. But this was to be far bigger and farther reaching than that.



Do these NEW church people really stay with the church? In November 1955 ten families attended the first planning committee meeting in Eastgate. The picture above was taken at the first anniversary reunion in November 1956 when nine of the families were again present. (The tenth family was away for the day).

The answer is now apparent. The churches not only will respond to a genuinely Christian challenge, but they are doing it.

There are roughly 120 churches in the Conference. To date, exactly 71 churches in the Conference have responded in some way or other. These include the churches that have given to the fund in 1956, those who have made pledges for 1957, and those who have made commitments for the five year period. Some of these are included in all three categories. Amounts range all the way from a $5.00 gift from one church to a $70,000 five year pledge from another church.

Of course, there are 50 churches yet from which answers have not been forthcoming. Some of these will, without doubt, respond later. The percentage at the moment stands at almost exactly 60%.

No percentage figures, however, can measure the devotion of the churches that have given serious consideration to the Church Extension program. For the giving to the program has been over and above all other Christian giving. When this many churches take on a program like this, there is real strength in Washington Congregational Churches.

THE FINANCIAL PICTURE

Figures, when they represent Christian concern, are never boring. For in such a project as the Church Extension Program, the figures tell a story. Here they are, as accurately as they can be reported at the moment, as of February 28:

Paid to date	$ 95,311.85
Pledged for 1957 (46 churches)	60,046.00
Five Year Declarations (28 churches)	287,392.43
Verbal Pledges for Five Years (4 churches)	15,050.00
Total 5 Year	$302,442.43

The meaning here is obvious: The job is half done!

A second meaning is also obvious: The campaign has shown full well that the job can be done! This second meaning is the most significant.

BIRTH AND GROWTH OF A CHURCH

Just because we think that **Congregational Way** readers will be in-sted, here is a short picture story on "How a Church Comes Into Being."

First, of course, there is the desire of the church to propagate itself. is the missionary zeal of the church, and is basic in the Church Ex-ion Program.

Second, there is the interdenominational machinery that operates in all church situations. The Washington Council of Churches makes studies erning the areas where population growth is, or will be, most evident. rategy and Planning Commission of the Council allots new areas to de-inations for development. This is so that churches will not be in compe-in with one another.

Third, the Conference Board of Directors, through its Church Extension mittee, designates a new area as an official project of the Conference. is done in relation to the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational owship. For each new church is a three way partnership: The local munity, the Conference, and the Department of Home Missions.

bers of the Congregational Fellowship oses Lake.

urth, a staff member of the erence spends some time on the gathering information and re-ing interested families. Meet-are held in homes. At this stage new church resembles the New tament description of "the rch in your house."

The Mesa parsonage

ith, a Church site and parson-are purchased out of Church nsion and Board of Home Mis-funds.

xth, a budget is made up (oper-

Dr. Stanley North of the Board of Home Missions and the Turners on the Richland site.

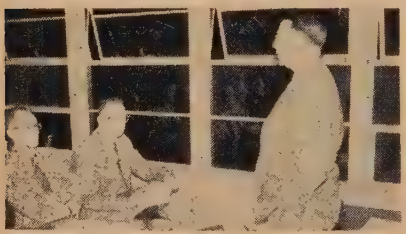
The. Rev. and Mrs. Clare Olney have just come to be the first parsonage family at Moses Lake.

ating funds come out of Our Christian World Mission giving from the churches together with a like amount from the Board of Home Missions) and a minister is called to the field.

Stine Douglas greets his congregation after morning worship.

Seventh, the new church finds a place to meet for worship and Church School. Usually in an adjacent school building. Services are centered there, and in the parsonage, until a building program can be carried out.

Eighth, after several months of operation and after charter rolls are closed, the new church applies for membership in the Association of Congregational Churches and becomes a recognized church in the Congregational Fellowship.



Le Roy Eide of the Board of Home Missions directs the financial campaign in Richland.

Ninth, when the church feels that its numerical strength is sufficient it launches a building fund campaign. The campaign is conducted by one of the staff members of when possible, through the financial service of the Board of Home Missions.

Robert Durham, architect, meets with the Eastgate committee.

Tenth, financing is worked out, an architect is hired, plans are drawn contracts are let and the building becomes a reality.

Westview, our first new church with a unit of its own. The building was constructed with funds raised by the local congregation and loans from the Church Building Loan Society and the Conference Church Extension Fund.

ASHINGTON CONGREGATIONAL RISTIAN CONFERENCE

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

May 7, 8 and 9, 1957

Conference Theme

"WITNESSING TO OUR FAITH"

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1217 Sixth Avenue

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Conference Theme

"WITNESSING TO OUR FAITH"

TUESDAY, MAY 7

8:00 a.m. Meeting of Program and Business Committee

10:00 a.m. Registration of Delegates
Coffee and Fellowship
Browsing hour—Exhibits and books

12:00 Noon Luncheon

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

1:15 p.m. Organ Meditation—Mrs. Mira Kajaer
Call to Order by the Moderator—Dr. Martin L. Goslin
Worship—PRAISE AND PRAYER—
Dr. Edward W. Ohrenstein, Chaplain
Welcome by Host Church—Mr. W. E. Evenson, Jr.
Presentation of Program—Mrs. Eddie R. Madson
Report of Registration
Introduction of Guests and Ministers
Election of Corresponding Members
Moderator's Address—"WE ARE ON THE WAY"
Dr. Martin L. Goslin
Appointment of Committees
First Reading of Resolutions—Mr. Ward Bowman
Conference Hymn—"O God, Above the Drifting Years"
Superintendent's Address—"WITNESSING TO OUR FAITH"
Dr. Archie H. Hook

2:45 p.m. Unit Round Table Sessions

1. Recruitment and Training of Church School Teachers
2. Selecting and Using Christian Education Curricula
3. Civil Rights and Housing
4. Recruitment for Christian Service
5. Our Christian World Mission
6. Understanding and Improving Worship
7. Dimensions of Evangelism

3:45 p.m. Fellowship Tea

4:30 p.m. Business Session
Committee Reports

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinners
Women—Plymouth Church
Men—First Methodist Church, Marion and Fifth

EVENING SESSION

:30 p.m. Music by the Plymouth Quartet
Dedication of the Women's Gift—Mrs. Willard F. Johnson
Address—**"A NEW DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES"**
Dr. James F. McKinley
:45 p.m. O.C.W.M. Film—**"MEASURE OF A MOMENT"**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

:00 a.m. Meeting of Program and Business Committee
:15 a.m. Organ Meditation—Mrs. Kajaer
Worship—PRAISE AND PRAYER—Dr. Ohrenstein
A Presentation by the Social Action Committee—
Rev. Emrys P. Thomas
Address—**"WITNESSING THROUGH CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION"**
Dr. Galen R. Weaver
Report of Church Extension Committee—
Rev. Edward H. Hastings
Report of Seminary Committee—Rev. Clyde H. Reid
:00 Noon Luncheon

AFTERNOON SESSION

:30 p.m. Our Christian World Mission—Rev. Ernest A. Yarrow, Jr.
Christian Education Committee—Rev. Franklin R. Elliott
:45 p.m. Unit Round Table Sessions
1. Recruitment and Training of Church Teachers
2. Selecting and Using Christian Education Curricula
3. Indian Affairs
4. Recruitment for Christian Service
5. Our Christian World Mission
6. Understanding and Improving Worship
7. Dimensions of Evangelism
:45 p.m. Fellowship Tea
:15 p.m. Business session: Election of Officers
Adoption of Resolutions
:00 p.m. Free Time
:00 p.m. CONFERENCE BANQUET
Mrs. C. Gardner Shaw, Assistant Moderator, presiding
Address—**"20th CENTURY PATRIOTS"**
Dr. Russell T. Loesch

EVENING SERVICE

:00 p.m. Music by the Plymouth Choir
Installation of Officers—Dr. Archie H. Hook
Presentation of O. C. W. M. Awards—
Rev. Ernest A. Yarrow, Jr.
Address—**"TOWARD A BETTER WITNESSING CHURCH"**
Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer

THURSDAY, MAY 9

8:00 a.m. Meeting of Program and Business Committee

9:15 a.m. Organ Meditation—Mrs. Kajaer

Worship——PRAISE AND PRAYER—Dr. Ohrenstein

Holy Communion and Memorial Service
Dr. Martin L. Goslin and Rev. R. K. Anderson

Address—**"OUR INVOLVEMENT IN CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION"**—Dr. Galen R. Weaver

Final Business Session

Conference Hymn—"O God, Above the Drifting Years"

Address—**"WE TEST OUR LIVES BY FAITH"**
Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer

Closing Prayer—Dr. Jackson E. Smith

12:00 noon Luncheon

DELEGATES

Each church is entitled to two lay delegates and minister, and an additional delegate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof, after the first 100. In addition to the official delegates, each church is entitled to as many associate delegates as can attend the Conference.

REGISTRATION: Delegates $2.00. Associate or non-voting delegates $1.00, to be paid at the time of registration.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Conference is being entertained by Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle. The homes of our Congregational people of the churches of Seattle will be open for room and breakfast. Reservations should be made with Plymouth Church not later than April 30. Hotel and Motor Court accommodations are available; reservations for same should be arranged by the delegates well in advance.

All sessions of the Conference will be at Plymouth Church and all meals will be served at the church with the exception of the Men's Fellowship Dinner, which will be at the First Methodist Church, Marion and Fifth. The Conference Banquet will be $1.75. The Women's Fellowship and Men's Fellowship Dinners will be $1.75. Luncheons will be $1.25.

Pre-school child care on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-noon.

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1957 Northwest Regional Back In Oregon

The Northwest Regional Conference of Congregational Churches, held annually for many years on the campus of Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon, will be held this fall in Portland on October 29 to 31. For the last two years it was held in Washington.

Dr. Raymond B. Walker, pastor, and the members of First Congregational Church of Portland will be hosts to more than 200 lay and ministerial delegates from Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Outstanding among program leaders will be Dr. Fred Hoskins, elected last year to succeed Dr. Douglas Horton as Minister of the General Council of our Fellowship. Dr. Herman Long, Director of Race Relations for our Fellowship, will speak on this important issue in the Church and will serve as Resource Leader for the Seminar on Social Action. Dr. Wayne R. Rood, Associate Professor of Christian Education at the Pacific School of Religion, will bring a series of lectures and lead discussions on them. Rev. Porter Bower, who heads the Visual Aids Department of the Missions Council, will lead a Seminar on Audio Visuals and show significant films. Other Seminars to be offered include: Christian Education, Evangelism, and Our Christian World Mission.

Dr. T. H. Van Dyck, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church for the West Coast, will appear on the program with Dr. Hoskins in discussing the coming union of our two denominations. Dr. Van Dyck is well known to many of our Washington people.

Dr. William C. Jones of the University of Oregon, who has just returned from a tour of the Orient, will speak at one of the popular evening meetings of the Conference.

The Northwest Regional will be another outstanding opportunity for Congregational church people of our Conference to gain information and inspiration for the challenges of our day and to enjoy fellowship with church men and women of other Northwest areas. Plan now to take a carload or two from your church.

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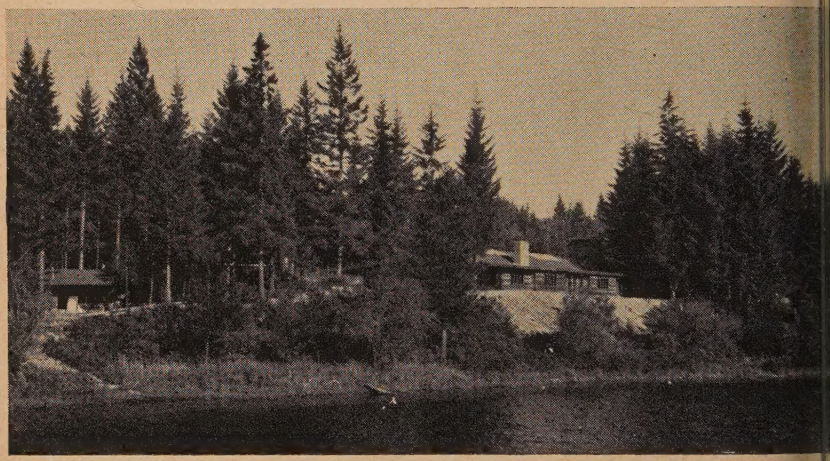

SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR 1957

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July 8-15—Family Camp: Paul and Helen Sutley, Pasco, Dean
July 15-22—Senior High Camp: The Rev. Charles Knapp, Almira, Dean
July 22-29—7th and 8th grades: The Rev. Bernard C. Herrick ,Kellogg, Dean
July 29-Aug. 5—Summer Workshop for Church School Workers: The Rev. Franklin Elliott, Walla Walla, Dean; Mrs. Maralta Osborne, Walla Walla, in charge of Children's program.
Aug. 5-12—Freshman Camp: The Rev. Robert Nathan, Westminster, Dean

PILGRIM FIRS

July 8-15—Women's Camp: Jane Michael, Prospect and Vesper Stoever, Veradale, Deans
July 15-22—Family Camp: Robert and Josephine Cole, Aberdeen, Dean
July 22-29—7th and 8th grades: Mrs. Roavene Clock, Dean
July 29-Aug. 5—Freshman Camp: The Rev. Clyde Reid, Jr., Columbia, Dean
August 5-12—7th and 8th grades: The Rev. Emrys Thomas, Everett, Dean
August 12-19—Representative Summer Conference: John H. Gibson, Dean
August 19-26—Senior High Camp: Charles Alexander, Vancouver, Dean
August 26-Sept. 2—Family Camp: William and Jean Krapfel, Walla Walla, Dean
Sept. 3-6—College Camp: Dr. Martin L. Goslin, Plymouth, Seattle, Dean

All camps begin with supper on **Monday** and close with breakfast on **Monday.**